

VW
Day of
Action

STOP UYGHUR GENOCIDE

Our aim: to ask Volkswagen to close their factory in the Uyghur region.

Our argument: There is a genocide taking place in the Uyghur region in China. Central to this genocide is the use of Uyghurs as slave labour, in camps and factories connected to them. There is no way to operate in the Uyghur region without the risk of Uyghur slave labour being in your supply chain.

Our action: activists across the UK and around the world are protesting peacefully outside VW dealerships to put pressure on the company to pull out of the Uyghur region.

What we want from activists: we want activists to do three things:

1. Take part in a protest with other activists outside a VW dealership in their community on 13th June.
2. Leaflet on street VWs in your neighbourhood with our campaign leaflets.
3. Share the campaign online and add your name to our petition at www.StopUyghurGenocide.org.uk/vwpledge.

All activism should be polite and respectful towards anyone connected to VW. We want to put pressure on VW's international management, not pester their local staff.

We also want no part of any anti-Chinese sentiment. Our issue is with the Chinese Government, not the Chinese people. We would ask everyone taking part to remember that, especially if you are preparing any homemade placards.

To order materials for the protest, email your name and address to contact@stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk

Please use the hashtag #VWStopUyghurGenocide on social media and share photographs of your protest.

Activist
Briefing

Questions **and** Answers.

What is happening to the Uyghurs?

Uyghurs are a mainly Muslim people living in their home region in the North West of China. They are currently the target of human rights abuses by the Chinese government which has been recognised by governments around the world and by the UK Parliament, as a genocide - an attempt to destroy them as a people.

Millions of Uyghurs are imprisoned in camps. Women are sterilised. Rape and torture are common. Nearly 1M children removed from families to state boarding schools. Mosques and Muslim graveyards are bulldozed. The Uyghur language is banned. Significantly for this campaign Uyghur prisoners are used as slave labour in their millions.

Why are you targeting VW?

Volkswagen operates a large factory in the Uyghur region. They are a major international brand that is running a business alongside a genocide. They also risk having slave labour in their supply chain.

VW say they audit their work to ensure there is no slave labour?

The leading anti-slavery and ethical trade organisations are clear: it is impossible to carry out proper due diligence in the oppressive environment of the Uyghur region. Journalists, auditors, and human rights groups are denied access to factories and camps to verify whether slave labour is used. The only way to ensure that VW is not using slave labour in its supply chain is to move out of the Uyghur region.

You have mentioned VW's history in your leaflets, why?

Volkswagen have a dark history during the holocaust using slave labour. This is a very different, more hidden genocide, but VW has always maintained that they have learned the lessons of history. More than any other company, VW should want to be absolutely certain they are not connected to genocide or to slave labour.

How can members of the public help?

VW customers should tell the company that they want them to close the factory. Those who want to help the campaign can sign up at www.stopuyghurgenocide.org.uk/vwpledge and use the hashtag #VWStopUyghurGenocide on social media.

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